

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

March 1, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Place: MDOT 1st floor auditorium

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Chairman George Phillips.

Commission Members Present:

MS Department of Public Safety	George Phillips
MS Department of Corrections	Chris Epps
MS Department of Information Technology Services	David Litchliter
MS Department of Transportation	Willie Huff
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Clovis Reed
MS Department of Homeland Security	Jay Ledbetter
MS Highway Safety Patrol	Michael Berthay
MS Association of Fire Chiefs	Tom Lariviere
MS Sheriffs Association	James Newman
MS Supervisors Association	Joel Yelverton
MS Emergency Management Agency	Tom McAllister
Safe City Initiative	Mark McCreery
Municipal League	Bill Rutledge

Advisory Members Present:

Senator Hob Bryan

Chairman George Phillips called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. He called for a motion to approve the minutes. Clovis Reed made a motion to approve the minutes. Tom McAllister seconded the motion, and it passed with none opposed.

Chairman Phillips welcomed Senator Hob Bryan and Bill Rutledge to their first meeting.

Clovis Reed reported for the Cellular Committee. The contract has been broken down into parts, and a committee has been formed for each part. The committee will meet again next week. ITS is developing a letter of frequently asked questions to send out to state agencies.

Joel Yelverton reported for the Rules Committee. There was a request from Clarke County to replace the PSAP console and furniture for \$425,000. Mr. Yelverton made a motion to approve the request. Bill Rutledge seconded the motion, and it passed with none opposed.

Willie Huff reported for the Interoperability Committee. Members of the WCC attended the Gulf States Regional Center for Public Safety Innovations Summit in Baton Rouge. It provided a forum for discussing the latest efforts in interoperability in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama. Mr. Huff stated that SIEC and WCC representatives met to discuss interstate interoperable issues. There will be a test to see if Louisiana's system will work with our coastal counties solution. The tentative date for the test is May 9, 2007. Mr. Huff reported that State Homeland Security representatives discussed possible funding for multi-state interoperable efforts. Alabama and Louisiana have expressed interest in joining Mississippi in a request for funding. There will be a meeting on March 12th to further discuss this matter. Four people from each state will attend the meeting. Jay Ledbetter will be attending. Three other members of the WCC

will need to attend. Chairman Phillips stated that he and Bill Buffington are scheduled to talk with Alabama Department of Public Safety Director Chris Murphy about this matter.

There was no report for the Governance Committee.

Jay Ledbetter introduced Jim Lowery of GSS.net (Global Security Systems). Mr. Lowery gave a brief presentation and a handout on a message delivery system which uses the existing FM radio infrastructure. A list of operating procedures for this system is being created. The counties can purchase a portal for local alerts for \$25,000.

Willie Huff reported for the Contract Negotiations Committee. The committee is still working on a contract. It should be ready by March 15th. Mr. Huff made a motion that the BGA contract be extended through the remaining negotiations. Chris Epps seconded the motion, and it was approved with none opposed. Mr. Huff expressed a need for someone to create a letterhead for the WCC. Chairman Phillips stated that he and David Litchliter would work on that.

There was discussion about funding for the project. David Litchliter explained that the Senate and House had passed bond bills which included funding for the project. He stated that the bond bill would likely go to conference for further negotiation.

The next meeting will be April 5, 2007, at 1:30 pm in the MDOT Auditorium.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.